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TRUTH STRANGER THAN FICTION

How a Young Girl Outwitted Her Hard-hearted Mamma, and Escaped a Distasteful Marriage.

Once more the chestnut bell has been rung on that well-known saying that "truth is stranger than fiction." On the 21st of May last Miss Dora Elliott, a wealthy young lady of a neighboring city, and George Rogers, a young man of the same place were united in marriage, but they separated in less than an hour after the holy man pronounced them one, and since that time they have met as strangers only. Miss Dora or Mrs. Rogers, who is highly educated and belongs to a wealthy and highly-respectable family, is now in this city earning her living a waitress.

To properly understand this singular state of affairs it is necessary to go back several years, or just after the young woman completed her education and entered society. Among her school friends at that time was an old and ugly bachelier, but to make up for his face he possessed much wealth in the shape of lands and bank notes, and as Miss Dora's mamma had a sharp eye for the main chance she began to scheme as soon as her daughter returned from school.

"Old whiskers," as the boys around town nicknamed the rich man, suddenly discovered that he had such a thing as a heart, and when his ancient eyes were first lit up by Dora's lovely face and trim figure, he made up his mind to offer her his hand, and a fair share of his worldly goods. He spoke to the mother at once and she feared that young men who were flocking around the now belle and the old lady had longed for this happy moment for months and perhaps years, the match was arranged in true French style on the spot, and the next morning poor Dora woke up an engaged girl, without even being consulted.

It is easier to imagine the scene when mother and daughter met than to describe it. There were tears and all that kind of thing, but mamma is one of those women that never change when their hearts are once set on anything, and the tender young girl was given to understand that she and the selected lover would be married on a certain day, even if the heavens should cave in in consequence.

The broken-hearted girl rushed to her father and told him her troubles and wept on his vest for hours, but the old gentleman had not been brought up in the way he should go for nothing by his better half, for he gave his darling no hope whatever, but on the other hand informed her that her mother's commands would have to be carried out to the letter.

The girl got thin in the regulation style, refused to eat, and waked about the house more like a ghost than a real, bouncing California girl, but the mother's heart remained like flint, and the cruel dame insisted that the wedding approached the girl so fast as if her mind was leaving her. Even this deplorable state of affairs did not bring the old woman to terms, and Miss Dora saw that she would have to make a hasty move on the enemy's works.

This is where the true American instinct that there is a place for competition of almost every kind of Uncle Sam's daughters came to the front, and Dora proved equal to the occasion, for she outwitted her mother in the smoothest possible style.

A few days before she was to be married to "Money Bags" she called on young Rogers, who was brought up in an old-school Southern gentleman, and his consequence stands every way. She will tell him all in defense of any issue in distress. Dora told George her sad story and asked him to help her out. His warm blood was up to fighting heat in a second, and had it not been for the girl's cooler head, the old party who intended to sacrifice a tender lamb would have been devoured by cemetery bugs long ere this.

Dora explained that the only way to save her from a fate worse than death was to marry her himself, and forever knock the ancient party out of the ring. George did not love the girl and he knew that she did not love him, but he had promised to save her, and so he reluctantly consented to the plan, he consented, and the day was set for the next morning at an early hour. Dora returned home a happy girl, and slept sweetly that night for the first time in many months.

The next morning the couple met at the house of a kind minister, who had promised to tie the knot, and the bride and groom were secured the young people were soon made one, so far as the laws of California are concerned. The bride was duly kissed by her husband and the minister, and in less than five minutes she was on her way to her mother. But she did not confide in the old lady, and the regular runaway-match style she went to the station, packed a few clothes, her parasol, etc., in a great hurry, wrote a note to mamma asking her to call on the minister, and took the next train for Los Angeles.

She proved so cute that her family were not able to locate her for a long time, notwithstanding the fact that some of the best detective agencies in the country had been secured, the young people were soon made one, so far as the laws of California are concerned. The bride was duly kissed by her husband and the minister, and in less than five minutes she was on her way to her mother. But she did not confide in the old lady, and the regular runaway-match style she went to the station, packed a few clothes, her parasol, etc., in a great hurry, wrote a note to mamma asking her to call on the minister, and took the next train for Los Angeles.

MRS. GILLEN.

Several Contributions Received for Her Benefit.

Mention was made in THE TIMES yesterday morning that Mrs. Anna Gillen, living at Mrs. Barber's lodging-house, No. 20½ South Broadway, was in destitute circumstances and in need of immediate assistance.

Yesterday morning Mrs. Fudikar called at THE TIMES office and left \$5 for the lady's benefit. B. K. Edwards contributed 50 cents, and cash subscriptions brought the amount up to \$6.50, which was turned over to her. Later in the day a letter was received from Redondo, inclosing \$6 for the fund, which will be given to Mrs. Gillen this evening. Last evening Mr. Larkin contributed a beautiful Christmas dinner. During the day several ladies called at THE TIMES office to make inquiries about the case. By error, the number was given as 20½ South Broadway, when it should have been 20.

Mrs. Gillen is very grateful for the assistance she has received, but regrets that circumstances are such that she has to solicit aid. With two little children, one only a year and a half old, and the other an infant of six months, she cannot go out to work, and for this reason alone she has been compelled to call on the public for assistance.

Death of Henry C. Carr.

Henry C. Carr died yesterday at noon at his residence No. 156 Twenty-second street.

Mr. Carr came to this city in 1887 and has been engaged in the practice of law up to within ten days of his death, which resulted from heart trouble and diphtheria.

Since coming to Los Angeles he has made for himself many friends among the legal fraternity, which universally regarded him as a man of more than ordinary ability, and in whom complete confidence could be placed, for his character was above reproach, and his plain, straightforward way of doing business won him the highest esteem of his clients.

He leaves a wife, two grown daughters and a son of 12 years to mourn his loss.

The funeral takes place today at 2 p. m.

The remains will be taken to Rosedale Cemetery.

THOSE "INFECTED" TREES.

President Kercheval Gives the Facts in the Case.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 23.—[To the Editor of THE TIMES.] As much publicity has been given to an Associated Press dispatch saying that B. M. Lelong, secretary of the State Board of Horticulture, during a recent visit to Pasadena, "discovered and condemned three carloads of fruit trees from Georgia infected with yellows," in justice to all parties, permit me to give the true facts of the case.

In the first place, there was but one carload from New Jersey, and not from Georgia, suspected of infection, and they were quarantined previous to Mr. Lelong's visit by order of the Horticultural Commissioners, and, inasmuch as the question of infection could not be definitely settled here, where we have no practical knowledge of that mysterious and dread disease, it was decided, with the full and free consent of all parties, to forward samples of the trees by express to the Government expert of the Agricultural Department at Washington, to be examined, and to do so at the earliest opportunity. Harry.

"She ought to have," replied Dora. "It is hand-painted."

TOURISTS.

Whether on pleasure bent or business, should take on every trip a bottle of Syrup of Fig's, as it acts most pleasantly and effectively on the kidneys, liver and bowels, preventing fevers, headaches and other species of sickness. For sale in 50 cent and \$1.00 bottles by all leading druggists.

A NUMBER OF PEOPLE VICTIMIZED ON A LAND DEAL.

The Story Told by Bedwell, Now Serving a Time in Jail for Obtaining Money by False Pretenses.

For some months past one J. F. Bedwell has figured more less in the police courts as a confidence operator, generally in a small way, having been arrested several times on charges of obtaining money under false pretenses. The amounts were generally small, and the fellow, who is pretty smooth in his way, generally managed to escape the clutches of the law. He was finally convicted, however, and after a tedious delay, was finally convicted and sentenced to ninety days' imprisonment for obtaining money under false pretenses. This inevitable was postponed as long as possible, but the end was reached at last, and Bedwell was sent to Castle Darcy, where he is now serving out his time.

Since Bedwell's incarceration, however, there has been considerable talk about his operations, and it would seem, if all the stories are true, that he was something more than the "petty" land operator he was supposed to be, and aspirated to be the real estate manipulator. Among other stories is one to the effect that Bedwell, in connection with a man named E. A. Gibbs, victimized a number of people by means of a fraudulent land deal, out of sums ranging from \$30 to \$3000 among the number below stated, and obtained \$30000 in all.

As the story goes, Gibbs bought up a large tract based on the strength of it set up

tended to. He was quite weak from loss of blood, but it is not thought that his injuries are dangerous.

Severe on the American Girl.

(New York Ledger.)

In a recent English novel this description of an American girl is found: "The cold-blooded, cut-throat American girl, calculating her romance by the yard, booking her flirtations by double entry, and marrying at compound interest, with the head of a railroad president and the heart of an Esquimau." This is evidently written by a jilted Englishman.

A Freshman Literary Hack.

(Yale Record.)

On the steps of the library. Grind-Hello, Billy, what book have you got? Billy Lowstrand, '93—Why, I've just got a new book written about our class called "Ninety-three" by a chap called Hugo.

No Machine Work. (Chicago Inter Ocean.)

"What a lousy complexion Miss Bertha has," remarked Harry.

"She ought to have," replied Dora.

"It is hand-painted."

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BEDWELL'S STATEMENT.

Bedwell was seen in his cell at the County Jail last night by a TIMES reporter, and when asked about the stories said that

E. A. Gibbs is at the bottom of all his troubles. He says he first met Gibbs October 28, 1888, on Main street, and Gibbs intimated that he wanted Bedwell to do some business for him.

"We met again in December of the same year," continued Bedwell, "and he told me that he wanted me to assist him in getting a large tract of land in Fullerton, which he had purchased. He showed me the papers, but I thought there was something wrong. However, I undertook to get money on the papers, and I succeeded. I then acted as Gibbs' agent and sold a lot of land in small parcels to various persons, and collected a system of debts which came to give me a loss. I found that Gibbs had no title to the land and refused to stand by me completely and refused to stand by his contract with me. He even went on the stand when I was tried and swore dead against me. Among the people who lost by our transaction are R. Custer for \$3000, A. King for \$1000, Col. Reynolds for \$1000, Lewis & Pritchard for \$1200, A. J. Viele for \$1000, Mr. Scott for \$1000, and A. R. Rising for \$500. These were losses on Gibbs' paper. Besides these victims there are a number of others who bought on the contract system from him. Out of all this money I only got between \$200 and \$300, and the balance went to Gibbs. There is a suit now pending which will give the title to the land. I was never in partnership with Gibbs and simply acted as his agent.

East Side Notes.

Hon. John Colman who has been East for the past six weeks returned over the Santa Fé yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Jennings of the East Side are spending Christmas with relatives at Anaheim.

L. Brown and family spent yesterday at Anaheim with friends.

Miss Guchen of St. Louis, Mo., spent Christmas with her sister, Mrs. C. S. Schleicher, on Main avenue.

Christmas calling was freely indulged in on the East Side yesterday.

Miss Griffith, teacher in the Helman-street school was suddenly called away on Wednesday to attend the funeral of her father.

An Experimental Oil Well.

Apparatus of the late articles in THE TIMES on natural gas, oil, etc., it may be noted that Col. Baker is sinking an experimental well in the interior of the Baker block of Arcadia street, this city, which has a depth of about 100 feet.

J. M. Creal, the contractor, states that the bore has penetrated thus far, but has not yet reached the oil.

It is believed that the oil will be found in the upper part of the rock.

It is proposed to execute the work to a depth of 1500 or more feet.

Serious Accident.

W. C. Baker of the Arcadia restaurant, on Main street, met with a serious accident yesterday about noon. Baker was assisting the cook in carving a turkey, when the knife slipped and sliced him across the left wrist, cutting to the bone, and severing the veins and arteries. The wound was hurriedly bound up, and Baker started out to look for doctor. It being Christmas time, he finally went to the police station, where a physician was had, and he was properly at

the hospital.

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A MINE OF INFORMATION.

The Triple-Sheet "Times" Annual Trade Number for 1891.

On the 1st of January, 1891, the Annual Trade Number of THE TIMES will be issued. It will contain twenty-four large pages filled with accurate facts about Los Angeles and Southern California, and reliable accounts of the striking advances made in the past decade, and of the present condition and the brilliant prospects before the country. It will be a publication invaluable to this section, because of the reliable information it will carry to the people beyond our borders. A large edition will be printed.

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THE TIMES has just printed another edition of 10,000 copies of the special four-page sheet containing Charles Dudley Warner's two articles from Harper's Magazine on "Our Italy" and "The Winter of Our Content." Copies of this special edition are supplied at the rate of \$1.50 per 100, or \$15 per 1000. Lots of less than 500, wrapped and postpaid, \$2.50 per 100.

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And now a Berlin doctor declares that insanity is catching. Good gracious, what risks we are running every day. Hunt up an insanity bacillus quick, and prepare an injection.

CHICAGO is a great city. Even the traps there are to have a place to lodge in. A ten-cent-lodging house is to be built, seven stories high, lighted by electricity and heated by steam. It will cost \$85,000.

If Trinity Church, New York, were to follow the divine injunction—"Sell that thou hast and give to the poor"—it could distribute about \$150,000. The property is rapidly increasing in value.

THERE is a boom in the dramatic business in Los Angeles just now. Two Ennas are giving our music-loving citizens high-class opera at our two handsome theaters. Pretty good this, for a city of 50,000.

The weather is rather a "chestnut," in this section, but even old-time Californians were heard to remark that yesterday came about as near perfection, climatically, as we may ever hope to encounter this side of Paradise.

It is reported that a visit which is being made by the Canadian Minister of Finance to the West Indies is made at the instance of the British government, for the purpose of advancing a project for the confederation of all the British colonies in America.

WHERE EXPANSION IS NEEDED.

Our morning contemporary whistled down the wind an assertion made in these columns a few days ago, that the city of Los Angeles has enough four-story brick blocks in it to last for the next ten years, and sees in the fact that others of that class of structures are to be built, that there is a demand for them. The best friend to any city or any people he who tells the truth about it, and while it is likely that many of the small buildings on our principal business streets will be, and for appearance's sake should be, replaced by more presentable edifices, still the facts are that we have storerooms enough in this city for a city—with twice its population. Then why not be honest and say so?

The fact is, the newspaper that does the most to help populate and till the fruitful acres about this city, is the city's best friend, and not the one that would have more vacant stores upon our streets and more people in all lines of business than can prosper.

The population of the county of Los Angeles is only a trifle over 100,000 inhabitants; that of the city and its immediate suburbs is nearly 60,000, showing that 60 per cent. of the county's population are dwellers in the city and not tillers of the soil.

When the population of Los Angeles is 100,000, the population of the county should be 300,000 to preserve the equilibrium best conducive to a healthy growth and a prosperous people.

This journal's allegiance to this city and county needs no defense—the community knows where we stand, and the unbiased observer is well aware that we need more producers and less town-dwelling consumers,—more big orchards, more big fields, more production and less building skyward piles of brick and mortar to go untenantanted—a constant ghost of dull times to the dwellers within the city's gates.

AN AMERICAN PLANK.

The Oakland Enquirer says THE TIMES has taken a hop-skip-and-jump and landed in the American party.

Our esteemed contemporary of the modern Athens is mistaken if it means that this journal is anywhere except in the Republican ranks. We have always felt that that was the true party of Americanism, and because of our wish that it remain so and that it may retain the supremacy it has held for so many years, was why the editorial was penned upon which our contemporaryst's paragraph was based.

That there is a strong sentiment of opposition to the present status of affairs with respect to immigration, the holding of lands by aliens, and the elective franchise, no intelligent person in this country can fail to observe. An investigation of the statistics of immigration shows that we are receiving upon our shores from the countries of Europe a great mass of ignorant and non-assimilative people who should not come here; while there is a great falling off in the more desirable classes that have heretofore come among us.

Self-preservation is the first law of nature with nations as with individuals. If we do not look out for ourselves and those who are to come after us, no other people will undertake the task, and hence we say that the Republican party, as the great party of ideas and popular government, should no longer defer making a step forward in the direction of what is popularly called Americanism.

We do not believe any necessity for a new party exists, but the reforms demanded can best be worked out and brought about by that party which has been ever in the front when a fight for the people was to be fought to a finish.

That a movement in this direction would be a popular one can be ascertained by feeling the pulse of any community, and we have faith that when next a Republican National Convention meets and puts forth its declaration of principles an American plank will not be the frailest nor the narrowest piece of timber in that structure of the architects of politics.

In view of the large profits from fruit-growing, the large area of idle land, and the large number of people with more or less means who would undoubtedly invest in the industry had they the time and experience to devote too it, it is remarkable that more landowners do not follow the example of one who advertises in THE TIMES, to plant any portion from 5 to 50 acres of his tract with orange trees, and give them three years' care at a specified price per acre. Many city people, anxious to possess a profitable rural home, would undoubtedly be willing to pay liberally to have their land delivered to them with trees ready to bear.

THE RUSSIAN government has decreed that henceforth no Jew will be permitted to embrace the Russian religion unless his wife, children, brothers and parents do so as well. This is to stop the practice lately pursued by the Jews of sacrificing one member of the family to the Russian Church, and thereby acquiring the right of earning a livelihood for all the Jewish members acting nominally as employees in a business conducted by the convert.

GEORGIA furnishes an example of the criminal wastefulness of our timber resources, which is so common in this country. It is estimated that the long-leaved pine belt, which covers more than half the counties of the State, would yield, if well managed, \$30,000,000 a year, but it is being recklessly destroyed by the turpentines farmers. It is high time that we had strict forestry laws, thoroughly enforced, throughout the country.

THE ear ache of the young German Emperor keeps him constantly on the move. He now talks of visiting Paris, which a French paper thinks will be a dangerous experiment. It will take the French people many years yet to forget and forgive the annexation of Alsace-Lorraine.

PADDY DIVVER, owner of a large bar-room, has been appointed a police

justice in New York by Mayor Grant. Even the World pronounces it "shameful" and the Commercial Advertiser declares that Divver represents "the lowest dregs of New York's population." In that case, he ought to be a pretty good representative of New York's municipal politics.

THAT was a ghastly tragedy in St. Paul early on the morning of Christmas Day, when a man, coming home intoxicated, killed his wife and step-daughter because they would not get up and drink with him. Such happenings as these make one ready to believe in the doctrine of total depravity. Fortunately, the wretch had enough perception of the fitness of things to complete the carnage by putting a bullet through his own head.

FARMERS' ALLIANCE men, wearing masks, have been replacing tenants on land foreclosed by a loan company in Kansas. It is believed that the Alliance all over the State is going to take an actual hand in violating a law which the farmers denounce in vehement terms as unjust and which they propose not to obey. There is likely to be trouble.

THE saloon-keepers are trying to fight the Sunday-closing ordinance with technicalities. They will scarcely succeed. They allege, further, that the ordinance is contrary to the Constitution of the United States. How is it, then, that New York and a thousand other American cities have enacted such ordinances?

THE United States built, during 1890, 5800 miles of railway, about 700 more than in 1889. The total amount of railway now completed in the country is 147,172 miles, enough to reach nearly six times round the world. Of this, more than 22 per cent. has been constructed during the last five years.

LOS ANGELES business men, who desire to catch the attention of Eastern people, should not fail to secure space in THE TIMES Annual Trade number, to be issued on January 1. It will be read by 100,000 people east of the Rocky Mountains besides going to every regular TIMES subscriber.

THE building of a large beet-sugar factory at Chino will be an important step toward the establishment of a new lucrative industry in Southern California. Once this factory is proved to be a success, we may expect to see a dozen similar establishments spring up all over Southern California.

THE New York Tribune says that "the prosperity of the shipping interests involves the prosperity of every productive industry of the country—of agriculture no less than manufacturing interests," and it urges that the pending shipping bills should be immediately enacted.

THERE is no lack of bargains in Los Angeles real estate just now. It is a wonder that more long-headed men of means do not snap them up. But then, it takes spunk to "buy 'em when they're low." Any fool can pick up property on the crest of a boom at twice its value.

In the French Chamber of Deputies a former ardent supporter of Boulanger has declared that the "brave" General is politically dead. He was a great idol while he lasted, but even the impulsive French could not stand his conceit, selfishness and demagoguery.

THE people of Western Kansas are abandoning that section of the State on account of the drought. More than 4000 have left one county. For miles over the prairies one can see nothing but tenantless houses and abandoned farm machinery.

THE Tombstone Epitaph is a blank. Without an epitaph, a tombstone is a blank. The name was a striking one and familiar, by reputation, to many who had never seen the paper. Yet Epitaph!

THIS holiday season is in marked contrast, climatically, to that of last year, when we were wading in mud and stopping up leaky roofs, while half the local railroads were washed out.

AMUSEMENT.

GRAND OPERAHOUSE.—The opening performance of the Emma Juch Grand English Opera Company took place last night in presence of an audience that filled the large auditorium to the doors, many people turned away on account of lack of room. The opera was Meyerbeer's masterpiece, *The Huguenots*, with the following cast of characters:

The Queen.....	Carrollta Maconda
Valentine.....	Emma Juch
Urbain.....	Louise Neelander
Le Beau.....	John Kean
Reverys.....	Leo Stornoff
Marcel.....	Charles Hedmett
Le Bourgeois.....	Franz Vets
Tax Collector.....	J. H. Eastman
Hol's Ross.....	William Steeboe
De Reitz.....	Henry Vose
Alfredo.....	Alberto Leonardi
Georgie.....	George Gobin
A Watchman.....	Joseph Witt

The performance did not begin till 9 o'clock, owing to some delay in getting the costumes from the depot, and in consequence the performance was delayed a late hour that extended comment, such as the rendition deserves, is impossible.

It is said that comparisons are ridiculous, but it was inevitable that the people who had witnessed the presentation of English Opera by the Abbott company this week should be forced to compare the work of the two rival companies, and to conclude, without the aid of the critic, that the Abbott company is in point of orchestration, staging, costume, and general effect the best company in the land. Wiesenfelder, the leader of the orchestra, consisting of twenty-two pieces, under the leadership of Mr. Neuendorf, began the overture there was an immediate rush in the audience to get seats. It was evident that the people had come to listen to the music. The stirring harmonies, went with such vigor that the public favor was at once a critical point.

The audience was won to double recall. Her singing is true, pure and fresh as the notes of a bird, and in appearance she is as charming as Carrollta Maconda in her important role.

She shows signs of cultivation of the best kind and a marked improvement over her really excellent vocal ability when she last sang.

Mr. Neuendorf, the tenor, was surpassing in his first act, from the way he sang, apparently, and his singing of his first aria was slightly falsetto. He recovered later

in the piece and sang the music allotted to him with fine effect. Louise Meisinger, as her song "From a Lady Fair and Loveliest" was given, the presentation of a voice of unusually good quality and vibrant power.

Franz Vets as the sturdy old Hugenot soldier, once again delighted his Los Angeles friends and every one in the audience. His remarkable bass voice had full range and delicate work in the music that falls to the share of the bassos. His rendering of "Luther Hymn" in the first act followed by the Hugenot battle song, brought down a tempest of applause. Mr. Vets also deserves a word of praise for his conception and acting of his part. He studies, apparently, to tone down some of the incongruities and absurdities that are introduced in all operatic performances, and makes his character as real as circumstances will admit.

The rest of the cast was up to the requirements of the piece, and the chorus, assisted by the admirable orchestra, was highly effective. The costumes were all rich and keeping with the period represented.

The setting was quite elaborate and this, with the handing of the large number

of people on the stage, showed the supervising intelligence of a stage manager of more than ordinary ability.

Tonight Faust will be presented.

FARMERS' ALLIANCE men, wearing

masks, have been replacing tenants

on land foreclosed by a loan company in

Kansas. It is believed that the Alli-

ance all over the State is going to

take an actual hand in violating a

law which the farmers denounce in

vehement terms as unjust and which

they propose not to obey. There is likely to be trouble.

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THESE YELLOW DAYS.

When Women Wear the Color of Sunshine.

A GROUP OF GLITTERING FROCKS

For Washington—Costumes for the Christmas Dances—The Mistletoe—Opera Cloaks of Value.

[COPYRIGHT, 1890—FOR THE TIMES.]
NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—[Special correspondence of THE TIMES.] Looking over a brilliant dancing floor the other evening, it appeared that nearly everybody feminine had decided that yellow became her. There were among the costumes, lemon yellow, and delicate sunset yellow, and rich Marechal Niel yellow and topaz yellow, and the yellow of a stormy morning, and the ethereal yellow of the primrose, and the yellow that weds brown, and the yellow that allied to red, and the yellow that is almost russet. Yellow has been for two seasons or longer permissible; it threatens to become compulsory. Instead of passing, the fashion accumulates force; it may be approaching a climax.

Several beautiful yellow dresses were finished in New York this week and will grace the Washington social season. One of these was for the wife of a Senator. Its material was a pale yellow-white satin, the color of the leaves of an ancient missal. A little lame woman in Brooklyn whose work is becoming famous, had covered the entire front of the skirt with a frost-like tracery in gold of the fronds of the maiden-hair fern. At the sides were panels of a delicate mauve velvet, the color name which this winter means anything or nothing, standing in this instance for pink showing in certain lights a purple tone. Across these also trailed the tips of the fern fronds. There was a full court train of a rich corded yellow silk, edged with wide borders of the velvet and luxuriously embroidered with heavier, less fairy-like but more stately and striking ferns, lying half on the soft, shadowy velvet and half on the gleaming silk. The low satin bodice faced behind. It had side pieces of the velvet, was gold embroidered, and adorned about the decolletage with garlands or pinkish primroses nestling in clusters of ferns.

For Mrs. Levi P. Morton was a dinner dress that shimmered like a hazy afternoon, all golden gray. When you came to look at it, you could see that it was really a blue silk shot with silver and gold. This shining stuff was embroidered all over with ragged chrysanthemums in gold and silver, with stalks of a silvery green. It was made with a loose front of silver gray crepe de Chine, held down below the waist by a girdle of golden passementerie set thickly with turquoise. An antique collar of the same jeweled fabric fell over the shoulders, and was edged with a golden fringe.

elagant figure sat a darker, younger, more slender woman in a wonderfully fitted princess dress of vivid gladiolus red silk, slashed on the side to show a delicate yellow lining. The corsage opened in a rose ruche of black Chantilly, and the same beautiful lace edged all the skirt slashings. They were simple, retiring women, who smiled so to speak, almost in whispers, and so used to color have we become that they were as easy in their Southern blaze as if hid in Quaker gray or Shaker fawn.



With puffed sleeves.

Costumes for Christmas dances are still in the modistes' hands. It's curious how close we run to the weather in all gowning. Bridal robes are not sent home until the evening before the wedding. Dance dresses are not finished until the morning of the festal day. Thus we are sure of the very "latest" fashion, caprice changing sometimes between sunset and sunrise. A pretty frock of white crepe lisse illustrates the present tendency. The bodice is cut round in the neck and is, simply and to use a word in new connection, nicely gathered over white silk. A ribbon of gold galloon forms a point front and back, and is finished with two tassels, the ends hanging to the feet. The gauzy sleeves form large and very irregular puffs, edged with double frills.

If there be a second young woman in the world who dares venture, she may be interested in this mistletoe gown, which never pronounces the name of the mystic Druidical parasite, but most delightfully suggests it, keeping out of danger meanwhile. A princess slip of creamy silk of the faint yellowish white of the Southern moss has dainty draperies across the front and side of pale whitish green crepe lisse, copying exactly the mistletoe hue. To make assurance of the toilet's meaning double sure, the bodice opens in a point defined by pearl and opal and moonstone passementerie, whose berry-like beads are like enough and sufficiently unlike to be understood and tantalized. With this odd little frock goes an aigrette for the hair, quaintly contrived of single ostrich feather threads tangled like a handful of Southern moss and sparkling with dewdrops of diamonds, long greenish-white gloves and cream-colored satin slippers.

More conventionally admirable and superb in color effect is a costume of rose-tinted brocade, which imparts a delicate glow to the complexion. The gracefully-shaped polonaise has a wired collar of black Chantilly. Its round fronts meet below the waist line, leaving room for the display of a folded bodice of pale rose tulle held by a diamond star on the bosom. Narrow sable bands lend that warmth and luxury of fur without which so few winter toilets can feel themselves quite satisfied.



New reception cloaks.

For the young blonde daughter of a political celebrity was an evening dress of an apricot yellow cloth, full skirted, finished at the bottom with a wide band of ermine and braided half way to the waist with richly-intricate patterns in silver. This skirt would almost have met the old test of a silk, it was nearly stiff enough, not of its own soft texture but with lavish needlework in metal threads and floss, to stand alone. The train hung in heavy, straight folds from the waist. The bodice, fitting with a jersey-like smoothness over waist and hips, opened in a V that was emphasized by a stately sweep of collar lined with ermine and covered with silver braid. On the shoulders were knots of gold ribbons and resting against the bosom a single spray of pale purple hyacinths.

Yellow is a happy, sunny color for a bride. A young woman who will spend her Christmas on the stormy Atlantic at the outset of a honeymoon voyage around the world, carries in her trousseau a little frock of amber velvet with an edge of white ostrich feathers inside the hem, and a front of white chiffon gold embroidered in roses, and caught half way down the skirt with knots of snowdrops tied with amber ribbons. The bodice shows a unique arrangement in front, one half being of velvet with snowdrops and ribbons on the shoulder, the other half of chiffon caught in place with clasps that are twists of gold.

Yellow means yellow this winter. It is very yellow indeed. We don't play about the edge of the color with faint piege tones, but we come out with vivid Spanish gold and brilliant sunflower radiance. We dare yellow, sunflower radiance. We challenge it, we shine with a great glory when you look at us in the mass or from a distance, though often it may burn out our features and reduce us to a pale blur individually. While Miss Rehman was sparkling in *The Last Word* the other evening I noticed two dark women in a box who excited no particular attention but upon whom every opera glass in the house would have been turned a year ago. One of them wore gold-colored silk dimpling under the lights in beautiful tones and semi-tones. It was cut in princess, and the half low bodice had a high arched collar of real black Spanish lace glittering with cut jet. The lace sleeves were slightly raised and a blackbird poised and dipped on either shoulder. Costly bits of jet passementerie twinkled on the corsage and composed a wide pointed girdle that ended in a dangling châtelaine. About the skirt were rich Spanish-lace flowers set on flat against their gleaming background to bring out the full beauty of their designs. Inside the hem showed an edge of sable fur. A toque of gold passementerie with trimmings of jet and lace, a great black ostrich feather fan and black gloves made up the ensemble, which fancy completed with Irish diamond buckles twinkling from black satin sandals.

Beside this quietly unconscious but

One of the few modistes who are able to rival French artists in such matters has in hand a number of reception and opera cloaks, a glance at which speaks more eloquently than a dozen essays on the magnificence of modern living. A robin's egg blue brocade of silk and velvet is the material of one, the brocade pattern a bird in a swing. The cloak is made with a smooth-fitting velvet yoke covered with delicate gold passementerie, and rising in a high, saute-line collar, from which the face peers out as from a nest of cosiness and luxury. Around the shoulders, in emulation of the collar, rises a high, cool flare of brocade.

Another rich garment is a mantle of moss-green plush, whose long sleeves, approaching the Jewish shawl, reach from high-cut shoulder pieces to the hem, finished with broad feather bands and hanging in shawl-like folds. Irish cloaks are seen in silvery camel's hair, hand-embroidered in gold and silver and ruched with white ostrich feathers. A long French redingote, when worn to an afternoon tea appears willow green, but when taken to the opera reveals itself as a delicate yellow. Its material is a heavy, watered silk and it is made with wide box-plaits in the back and bordered with a full cabbage ruching. The fashion is coming back of lining elegant long cloaks with fur. White is not chosen as formerly, but a wrap of fawn or chestnut velvet will be lined throughout with mink and have a deep mink cape collar.

For a wedding to take place on Christmas eve here is a pretty bridal gown. It is made of white bengaline with a princess train; the front is decked with sprays of roses embroidered in silver and opens over a kiltsplated petticoat; the silk is caught up about the bottom at intervals with bunches of white plumes. The bridesmaids are very quaint dresses, three of gray and three of yellow brocaded satin, in Van Dyke style, with deep collars, high sashes of muslin and bouquets of violets.

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By Telegraph to The Times.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—[By the Associated Press.] The Bureau of American Republics has received information of the organization of a corporation in Brazil under the name of the "Companhia Nova Era Rural do Brasil," with a capital of \$25,000,000 a large part of which has been furnished by bankers and merchants of Europe. The object is to establish twenty agricultural settlements upon the public lands of Brazil, which are given free of cost by the Government to aid the enterprise; to construct lines of railway for placing these settlements in communication with each other and their markets, to carry out engineering works, mining operations and the manufacture of sugar, bricks, tiles, lime and other articles for export, as well as for local consumption.

The company proposes to settle thousands of families from Europe, consisting of skilled agriculturists and mechanics, and transport them to Brazil, where houses will be prepared for their occupancy, and tools and implements furnished for their use. These colonists will be divided into villages and scattered over the estate as a nucleus for immigrants to be brought there later. The federal and several State governments of Brazil have offered a guarantee of 5 per cent interest on one-third of the capital invested in the enterprise.

An expedition was some time ago sent by the Argentine government up the Panama River to explore what is known as the "Gran Chaco" tract of country in the northern part of the Argentine Republic, as unknown as the interior of Africa. The expedition has returned, having traveled some four thousand miles and reports that the "Gran Chaco," which was supposed to be a sort of swamp, is on the contrary land of much promise, the climate being mild and the soil rich and dry. Maize, corn and sugar-cane there attains enormous size, and there is much valuable timber.

A Gloomie Christmas.
ANN ARBOR (Mich.), Dec. 25.—The sad drowning of two students made this gloomy Christmas at the college. Last night two medical students, Frank E. Dickinson of Dubuque, Iowa, and Minnie Brundage of Long Island, left for the mill-pond to skate. They did not return, and this morning a searching party found their bodies under the ice.

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"The Confidential Memorandum" is neither more nor less than a railroad black list, and it contains some startling information about various people whose names are not known to the American public. Only the higher officers of railroads can obtain it. Some persons whose names are contained therein might consider the charges brought against them libelous, and so to avoid responsibility and evade law suits the names of the publishers and the place of publication are not printed upon the title page.

Nearly every railroad in the United States is a part proprietor in the "Memorandum," and those who compile it draw their pay and inspiration from the records of hundreds of railroads in Uncle Sam's domain. Little short of a special dispensation of Providence enables any one except a railroad official to see the book.

The book contains nineteen pages of names of delinquents and seven pages of the names of periodicals and their editors who abused the courtesies extended to them by railroads. Notwithstanding the edicts of the interstate commerce law an uncommonly large number of persons other than railroad men secure passes and reduced rates from railroads, and it frequently happens that the recipients dispose of these favors to friends, scalpers and even to strangers "for a consideration."

When a person is detected in loaning, selling, exchanging or altering a pass, his name appears in the next issue of the "Memorandum," and when he next applies to any road for favors he is met with a fixed smile and a polite excuse, but never the true one.

Unhappily there are found on the black list the names and residences of several clergymen, as well as statesmen, who have abused the privilege. The charges are in some cases stated in an almost brutally specific manner, and would prove rather shocking reading to the wives, children or friends of the culprits.

Among the "A's" are twenty-three names, including that of a clergyman, who is charged with altering and loaning half-fare permits. The list of sixty-eight names commencing with "B" describes one as a theatrical agent and a "d. b. first water."

There are six-five names under the head of "C" among them is that of a man in Houston, Tex., who represents himself as a special correspondent of a New York newspaper, and is summed up as "a fraud." A Santa Fe preacher is accused of altering a half-fare permit to include his wife, and an ex-representative in Congress is charged with loaning his pass.

A member of Chicago's Citizen's league is known to have sold his pass to a scroffer, and so will get no more such favors.

Hangers-on of theatrical companies, a member of the lower legislature and editors of small journals are mentioned on the list.—New York World.

Antiquity of the Cat.

As regards the remoteness of the period at which the dog and the cat were domesticated, it is true that remains of the former animal are found in the lake dwellings of central Europe. On the other hand, we read of the cat in Sanscrit writings older than the beginning of our era, and we find it pictured on Egyptian monuments of Pharaonic times. Moreover, the cat, being sacred to Isis, was often mummified, and some of the cat mummies date from 4,000 years ago. In our day cats are distinguished for attachment to localities rather than to persons; but it may be doubted whether this was so in ancient Egypt, where for ages they were treated with unvarying kindness, and even with veneration.—New York Ledger.

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CHRISTMAS—1890.

A Happy Holiday in Pasadena.

MAY WEATHER IN DECEMBER

Notes and Comment on Timely Topics—Points About People You Know—News in Small Chunks.

To an Easter yesterday must have been a novel sort of Christmas. The weather was mild as midsummer, and instead of his accustomed sleigh-ride, the tenderfoot was treated to a picnic, while birds sang, flowers bloomed and semi-tropical fruits ripened on the trees.

A number of strangers were in town. They spent the day principally in driving to neighboring points of interest. Picnic parties were numerous. Business was forgotten and the day given up to rest and the giving of gifts.

The Holy Communion was celebrated in All Saints' Episcopal Church at both morning services. A sunrise lovefeast was held in the Methodist Church at 7 o'clock, and in the evening there was an entertaining Christmas service rendered by the Sunday-school children. The auditorium was lavishly decorated for the occasion.

NOTES AND COMMENT.

Christmas of 1890 is over. A glorious day it was in Pasadena. A cloudless sky with the sun shining warmly in May; balmy breezes blowing in fresh from the ocean, birds singing and flowers blooming, must indeed have made the holiday one of supreme delight to our lately-arrived eastern friends, who weathered storm and snow and ice to get here. But it was only a typical day. The same kind of weather keeps up the year round, varied only now and then by rain falling in large or small quantity, just as it may happen. Christmas of 1890 is over, but its pleasant associations will not soon be forgotten.

In a lengthy editorial of recent date the Philadelphia Inquirer pays this high tribute to our State:

The Pacific slope is a marvelous country, and its future is bright with every promise of greatness. California, with its snow-covered mountains, its wheat, wine, and fruit-growing valleys, and its mild climate, will become the sanitarium of the world for many years. We think we have a pretty big State in Pennsylvania, but California, with its 153,600 square miles, can accommodate New York, Ohio, Delaware, and every one of the half-dozen New England States, and still have a few wheat-fields and vineyards left over."

The Raymond season has opened most auspiciously.

The new year will receive a great send-off in Pasadena. The Tournament of Roses promises to be one of the biggest occasions in recent local history.

The trees thickly covered with ripening oranges, present a pretty sight peculiar to Southern California.

A minister in a near-by town notified his congregation that he did not wish his usual Christmas present. Instead he asked that the money be applied to extinguishing the debt on the parsonage. What wonders would result from such a system of self-denial if generally practiced.

Look out for THE TIMES annual. It will contain all that's worth knowing about Southern California.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS.

A Memorable Evening at Mr. Taylor's—The Programme.

On Christmas eve Mr. and Mrs. O. Stewart Taylor delightfully entertained a number of friends at their residence on Grand Avenue. Appropriately to the occasion the music hall was elaborately decorated with holly, while graceful pepper branches with their crimson fruit hung from the galleries and stair-railed; nor was forgotten the "mistletoe bough" which presided over all in its accustomed place. By 9 o'clock a merry throng of dancers added brilliancy to the scene, which pastime continued for some time, when refreshments were served. At 11:30 o'clock the guests were entertained by the following programme of instrumental numbers and Christmas songs:

Song and chorus, "Bach's Aria, Gounod's 'Nazareth'";—O. S. Taylor and chorus.

Piano solos, "Impromptu" (Chopin), "Ragundan" (Roff)—Miss Agustine Berger.

Violin solo, "Ninth Concerto" (Beriot), "Polish Love Song"—Miss June Reed.

Piano solo, "Minuet" (Padewski)—Mrs. Berger.

Sax and chorus, "O Holy Night" (Adams)—Mr. O. Stewart Taylor and chorus.

At midnight, after the clock had chimed its twelfth stroke, the last number of the programme (Adams' renowned Christmas song) was beautifully rendered by Mr. Taylor and chorus, after which the gay party dispersed with merry Christmas greetings to their host and hostess.

BREVITIES.

The overland was almost on time yesterday.

The postoffice officials had a busy day of it yesterday.

Prof. T. S. C. Lowe has returned from an extended trip East.

A party from Mrs. E. B. Dexter's spent yesterday picnicking.

The livery stables had all the patronage they could handle yesterday.

The operas in Los Angeles are being liberally patronized by Pasadenaians.

The mails from the East the past few days have been of mammoth proportions.

C. H. Thompson is busily engaged planting some 2000 peach trees at his orchard north of town.

Selwyn is such inspiring music heard as was O. Stewart Taylor's solo in the Christmas song Wednesday night.

Mr. Chapel arranged as Christmas presents some of the handsomest baskets of California fruits it has ever been our pleasure to see.

The Colorado street-car line will immortalize itself by giving the public-

school children a free ride tomorrow with a picnic at the end of the line.

Seats will be placed on sale this morning at Foster's bookstore for the Chimes of Normandy. Those desiring good ones should come early, as there promises to be a rush.

The ladies are requested to meet in the reading-room of the Y. M. C. A. at 3 o'clock this afternoon, to make arrangements for the annual reception to be given New Year's day.

Postmaster W. U. Masters, with characteristic generosity, remembered all connected with the department in a substantial manner yesterday by presenting each one with a gold coin.

Brose Manahan appeared in his mail cart yesterday behind a pair of high-stepping grays, driven tandem and ornamented with pampas plumes and the like. The turn-out was a gorgeous one.

A number of the young people of Olivewood spent yesterday evening at the residence of Col. and Mrs. H. E. Pratt, where a large Christmas tree, well stocked with gifts, delighted all present.

Dr. G. G. Green has assumed the personal management of the Opera-house. Prof. Kyle will remain as associate manager. It will be the policy of the new management to encourage local entertainments by renting the house at low figures to home talent.

Mr. and Mrs. Hurlbut, Miss Hurlbut and Mr. Scoville will leave Chicago next week for New York, whence they will go to Liverpool to board the steamer that is to take them around the world. The trip proper will last sixty-six days. The party expect to return to Pasadena the latter part of March.

TREMENDOUS RAPID FIRING.

A Six Inch Gun Pours Out Shot After Shot at Enormous Speed.

Some important experiments were carried out at the artillery range of Sir W. G. Armstrong, Mitchell & Co. The principal object of trial was a six inch quick firing gun of 40 calibers of length on a mounting of new design, specially arranged to be suitable for either the upper decks or the between deck batteries of our new cruisers. Another feature of this trial was the use of cordite, the new smokeless gunpowder.

Mrs. Henry Cogswell Howard and Mrs. Charles Carroll Harding have sent out invitations for a progressive cotillion to be given Thursday evening, January 8.

Among the arrivals are the following:

Fred Carter, San Pedro; H. G. Brookings and wife, St. Louis; W. W. Hannan and wife, R. L. Polk and wife, Lulu Smith; Eleanor Bailey, Mills College; J. S. French; Mrs. Mary Conway, Miss Conway, Putatadidah; L. E. Bulkeley, W. E. Hopkins, San Francisco; Dr. Burnside Foster, Minneapolis; Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Armstrong, Mrs. L. A. Murphy, Marion Armstrong, Master Gardner Murphy, Altadena; Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Isburgh, Miss Elsie Isburgh, Karl Isburgh, Melrose, Mass.; Miss M. L. Loving, Chicago; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Foster, Pasadena; A. Campbell-Johnston, Garvanza; Miss Turner, Marco Hellman, wife, Turner, and child, Los Angeles.

If you have a catarrh, you are in danger, as the disease is liable to become chronic and affect your general health, or develop into consumption. Hood's Saraparilla cures catarrh by purifying and enriching the blood, and building up the system. Give it a trial.

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CERTIFIED CHECKS.

Each bid must be accompanied by a certified check on draft upon some Unix States depository, made payable to the order of the undersigned, for at least 5 per cent of the amount of the proposal, which check or draft will be forfeited if the bidder fails to make payment to the undersigned.

In submitting bids for lumber, an English bidder will be required to state specifically the name and address of each timber dealer for delivery under contract.

The right is reserved to reject any and all bids, or any part of any bid if deemed for the best interest of the service.

S. M. McCOWAN, Superintendent.

Proposals for Lumber, Shingles, Doors, Windows, Hardware, Etc.

U. S. INDIAN SCHOOL SERVICE, Ft. MOJAVE INDIAN INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL, FORT MOJAVE (Ariz.) Dec. 2, 1890.

Sealed proposals intended for lumber, shingles, doors, windows, hardware, etc., to be used in the construction of the new school building at Fort Mojave, Arizona, will be received at this office until 12 m. on Friday, Dec. 20, 1890, for the sum of \$10,000 of feet of assured lumber, 85,000 shingles, 15 doors, 15 windows, and a variety of hardware, gills, etc., a full and exact account of which can be obtained by application to the undersigned.

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Christmas passed off very quietly, and but few arrests were made by the police.

There were thirty-eight real estate transfers on Wednesday, the total consideration being \$29,529.

Pat Long raised a disturbance on First street yesterday afternoon between 2 and 3 o'clock, which was quickly locked up.

The regular weekly meeting of the Board of Public Works will be held at the City Hall today. The tour of inspection was omitted yesterday on account of Christmas.

P. Balade was arrested yesterday by Detective Bosqui on a warrant charging him with violation of the Sunday-closing ordinance. Balade gave bonds for his appearance today.

Manuel Hellman received a telegram last evening, stating that the San Diego team had defeated the "Frisco" by a score of 11 to 10. The same teams will play in that city on next Saturday and Sunday, and on New Year's day in this city.

By authority of the J.-general commanding the army, approved by the Secretary of War, the Army discontinued as an independent post and will be held as an outpost of Ft. Grant, A. T., and will until further orders be garrisoned by a troop of cavalry therefrom.

Charles Raskin, the Belgian consul agent in Los Angeles, has received a copy of a letter from the Belgian Minister of State, addressed to the Belgian Consul in San Francisco, thanking Mr. Raskin for information furnished concerning this section, which information, the minister says, will be printed in the consular reports.

There are a large number of tramps and vagrants in the city, and people cannot be too careful about seeing that their houses are carefully locked at night. A man was left lying about where they can be got at. The police are "rounding them up" as rapidly as possible, but in the meantime proper precaution is recommended to citizens.

A correspondent writes: "The bridge across the Arroyo Seco in Pasadena avenue, was closed for three days. The City Council on December 8 instructed the Superintendent of Streets to immediately construct an approach to same. Not a shovel has been turned. Why is this thus?" If such instructions were given, they will not appear on the record. The matter will be investigated.

Miss Jessie E. Bowler, wife of Detective Bowler of the police force, died yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock. Mrs. Bowler had been in bad health for some time, and for the past two years had been continuously under the physician's care. She was the daughter of the late Jacob Hammel, and had many friends in this city. Her funeral will take place from the residence, No. 223 West Fifteenth street, at 2 o'clock this afternoon. Mr. Bowler has the sympathy of his many friends in his affliction.

PERSONALS.

J. O. O'Brien and wife of Wilkesbarre, Pa., and L. K. Smith of Chicago are stopping at the Hollenbeck.

W. B. Lyon of Riverside, M. T. Thomas of Santa Ana, L. S. Merritt of the Bank of America's Hotel Nadeau.

James Fleming and wife of San Bernardino, and P. K. Frankenreiter of Riverside are registered at the Nadeau.

L. B. Archer of New York, H. E. Ellett and D. B. Phillips of Kansas City and D. Sculley of Philadelphia are registered at the Nadeau.

F. M. Pearson and wife of Lowell, Mass., Mrs. C. Fisher and two children of Lancaster, are in the city the guests of the Hollenbeck.

K. S. Smith of Dallas, Tex., L. E. Allen and four ladies of Guaymas, Mexico, and R. M. Moon and wife of Oro Grande, A. T., are in the city at the Hollenbeck.

TAB TURNED.

As a rule, the crib-baby cases that are reported at the police station are committed by the women who live in these low dens, but the babies were turned out last night. One of the women who goes by the name of Abbott, called at the Central Station and reported that she had been robbed of \$50 by a visitor. The man called on her and took the money while she was in the back room. Detective Bosqui has the case in hand.

SHARP POINTS.

Flirtation is ably defined as attention without intention.—[Berkshire News.]

Every time the Lord makes a woman he changes the pattern.—[Atchison Globe.]

It is very easy to have liberal views on a subject you have never thought of.—[Christmas Puck.]

If you think the world isn't paying any attention to you, just step out and slip up on the first icy sidewalk.—[Elmer Gazzette.]

The drinking man knows what he is about until he is about drunk, and then he thinks he is sober.—[New Orleans Picayune.]

The orator who spoke of "drinking in great draughts of intoxicating oxygen" was undoubtedly air-tight.—[Emma Gazette.]

Enterprise can hardly go farther than this effort of an up-town grocer: "Fresh eggs, warm from the hen!"—[Binghamton Leader.]

The most dreadful result of the Indian excitement is the revival of all the Stouperaduated jokes on the subject.—[Philadelphia Times.]

"Is your son one of those noisy, dissipated college boys?" "Not exactly. He is what you might call the cub that cheers but not inebriates."—New York Sun.

NEWS AND BUSINESS.

The Weather.
SIGNAL OFFICE, LOS ANGELES, Dec. 25.—At 8:00 a.m. the barometer registered 30.04 at 6:30 p.m. 30.07. Thermometer for corresponding periods, 56, 66. Maximum temperature 79; minimum temperatures 50; rainfall past twenty-four hours .00; rainfall for season, 7.40.

Weather—Cloudless.

Fine Formosa Teas can be had at H. Jeve's, 136 and 138 N. Spring St.

Boiled Cider at H. Jeve's.

Manzanilla Olives, in bulk, at Jeve's.

The "McKinley Bill."

Does not affect Coffee, but it requires very little intelligence to know that Coffee roasted on the spot, where consumed, must be preferable to any that is roasted thousands of miles away—sealed or not sealed. I have given this branch of my business the closest attention for over twenty years, selecting the best green Coffees and roasting them day by day, just as my trade requires. By this plan I have built up a trade on roasted Coffees second to none on the Coast.

H. JEVE'S.
Grocer, Tea and coffee Dealer,
136 and 138 N. Spring St.

A Pretty Christmas Present.

One of those lovely hats Mrs. Dosch has just brought from the East. 235 S. Spring.

A FUNNY FREAK.

How a Drunken Man Amused Himself.

CAPTURED A MAN'S ROOM

Dr. Fowler's Rather Singular Experience with an Unknown Visitor—The Mystery Unexplained.

A drunken man, especially if he belongs to the higher walks in society, is liable to get strange freaks in his head after he has reached a certain stage in his cups, and if so happens, as it generally does, that he has no friends near by to look out for him, he is very apt to get in serious trouble before he gets over his humorous fit.

Dr. Fowler, late of the Bancroft Publishing Company, had a case of this kind fully illustrated for his benefit and greatly to his dismuntor the other day.

The doctor has rooms in the Hollenbeck Hotel facing the Police Station, and when he went home late in the afternoon he was surprised to find a well-known young man about town perched up in his easy chair.

The doctor has never had the pleasure of meeting the youth, and did not know what to make of his presence in the room. The doctor took a look at the young man, who seemed to be perfectly sober.

"Now, sir, what can I do for you," asked the doctor.

"Nothing."

"Well, did you call to see me?"

"Then, what are you doing here?"

"Resting and meditating."

"But I don't know you."

"Of course you don't."

This last reply knocked the doctor out of the ring, and for fully ten minutes will be the doctor's chief preoccupation.

"Good day, sir. I guess I will go and take a turn around the city," and out he went, the young man up to his room. The clerk knew nothing, and the doctor walked slowly back to his room. When he reached the room again he was thunderstruck to find the same man seated in the very same chair, smoking a fine cigar.

"What are you doing here?"

"Oh, say, old man, don't get mad. I like these quarters and I thought I would call again."

"But this my room, sir."

"That's so."

"Yes, and I would like to know what you were doing here."

"I don't know that is any of your business."

"Oh, you don't?"

"No, I do not, but I have an engagement now, so I will leave you for the present," said the doctor, reaching his coat.

He took the blinds so that a full view of the room could be had from the outside, and with a hard set look on his usually smiling face he hurried to the police station and informed the chief of police what had taken place.

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"There he goes, there he goes—the same fellow," and he motioned wildly toward his room.

"Sure enough the man was there in plain view. He coolly walked to the window, took up and down the street and then quietly took his seat in the doctor's easy chair.

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